IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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STEPHANE AMARGER ET AL.   )
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Application No.: NYA   )
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE   )
      FOR MANAGING THE   :
      RESOURCES OF A COMPUTER)
      COMMUNICATION MEANS   :
      FOR PROCESSING A   ) January 9, 2001
      COMPUTER DOCUMENT   :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.   20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application, filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 5, lines 1-2, change "the preceding claims" to --Claims 1 or 2--.

In Claim 6, lines 1-2, change "the preceding claims" to --Claims 1 or 2--.

In Claim 8, line 1, change "the preceding claims" to --Claims 1 or 2--.

In Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

In Claim 11, line 1, change "to 7" to --or 2--.

In Claim 12, line 1, change "to 11" to --or 2--.

In Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13".

In Claim 17, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 12 to 16" to --Claim 12--.

In Claim 18, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 17" to --Claim 14--.

In Claim 19, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 18" to --Claim 14--.

In Claim 21, line 1, delete "or 20".

In Claim 22, lines 1-2, change "the preceding claims" to --Claims 1 or 2--.

In Claim 23, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 14 to 22" to --Claim 14--.

In Claim 24, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 17 to 23" to --Claim 17--.

In Claim 25, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 17 to 23" to --Claim 17--.

In Claim 28, lines 1-2, change "the preceding claims" to --Claims 1 or 2--.

In Claim 29, line 1, change "to 27" to --or 2--.

In Claim 34, line 1, change "to 33" to --or 31--.

In Claim 35, line 1, change "to 34" to --or 31--.

In Claim 37, line 1, change "to 36" to --or 31--.

In Claim 38, line 1, delete "or 37".

In Claim 40, line 1, change "to 36" to --or 31--.

In Claim 41, line 1, change "to 40" to --or 31--.

In Claim 43, line 1, delete "or 42".

In Claim 46, line 1, change "any one of Claims 41 to 45" to --Claim 41--.

In Claim 47, line 1, change "any one of Claims 43 to 46" to --Claim 43--.

In Claim 48, line 1, change "any one of Claims 43 to 47" to --Claim 43--.

In Claim 50, delete "or 49".

In Claim 51, line 1 change "to 50" to --or 31--.

In Claim 52, line 1, change "any one of Claims 43 to 51" to --Claim 43--.

In Claim 53, line 1, change "any one of Claims 46 to 52" to --Claim 46--.

In Claim 54, line 1, change "any one of Claims 46 to 52" to --Claim 46--.

In Claim 57, line 1, change "to 56" to --or 31--.

In Claim 58, line 1, change "to 56" to --or 31--.

In Claim 59, line 3, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

In Claim 60, line 3, change "to 58" to --or 31--.

In Claim 61, line 3, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

In Claim 62, line 3, change "to 58" to --or 31--.

In Claim 63, line 3, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

In Claim 64, line 2, change "to 58" to --or 31--.

In Claim 65, line 3, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

In Claim 66, line 4, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

In Claim 67, line 3, change "to 29" to --or 2--.

REMARKS

Various ones of the claims have been amended above to remove improper multiple dependencies therefrom.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and the early passage to issue of the present application.

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